



PROCLAMATION
Family Day September 28, 2009

WHEREAS, the use of illegal and prescription drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute the greatest threats to the well-being of America's children; and

WHEREAS, 14 years of surveys conducted by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University have consistently found that the more often children and teenagers eat dinner with their families the less likely they are to smoke, drink, and use illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, frequent family dining is associated with lower rates of teen smoking, drinking, illegal and prescription drug use; and

WHEREAS, the correlation between frequent family dinners and reduced risk for teen substance abuse is well documented; and

WHEREAS, parents who are engaged in their children's lives – through such activities as frequent family dinners – are less likely to have children who abuse substances; and

WHEREAS, family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of family life in America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 AS “**FAMILY DAY**” A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of September 2009, Sumter County Florida.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY

Connie Webb
Deputy Clerk

Garry Breeden
Chairman

YPAS

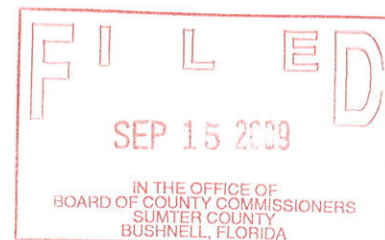


Young Performing Artists (YPAs)

Not for Profit
501 (c) (3) Corporation
9060 County Road 231
Wildwood, FL 34785

September 15, 2009

Commissioners of Sumter County
Bushnell, FL



Dear Commissioners,

In 2007, the President, all 50 Governors and the Mayors and Executives of more than 750 cities and counties across the nation proclaimed and supported Family Day-A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children. We hope you will join the growing list of your colleagues who commemorate this special day by issuing a proclamation designating every fourth Monday in September Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children. Family Day will be celebrated on September 28, 2009.


The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University launched Family Day in 2001 after its research consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their parents, the less likely they are to smoke, drink, or use illegal drugs. Family Day is gaining significant momentum. In the past years, millions of Americans pledged to have dinner with their loved ones on Family Day. Scores of schools, community groups and faith-based organizations also celebrated Family Day across the Country. We would like to join that effort this year in Sumter County. We are asking that you begin our efforts this year with a proclamation.

In the coming years we hope you will consider conducting Family Day events and celebrations in this county or attending our Family Day event next year.

This request is a collaborative effort to recognize Family Day by Young Performing Artist and the Royal Library Association. This will be a worthwhile event in our community.

Thank you in advance for your efforts for families in this community.

Sincerely,


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